



## Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona

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## Technical Assistance Grant Program

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*Applications for the annual TA Grant Cycle are available each March. At that time, the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority (WIFA) accepts applications for pre-design and design projects that prepare communities for project construction in circumstances where resources are otherwise limited or lacking. WIFA's TA Grant Cycle begins on July 1, in conjunction with the State of Arizona's fiscal schedule.*

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### Funding

The amount of TA grant monies awarded to multiple projects varies annually. Grant awards are competitive and communities may be awarded up to \$35,000.

### The Requirements

For a grant application to be considered eligible for evaluation, it must meet the following criteria:

- Pre-design or design project
- Project will assist the system to achieve technical capability, managerial and institutional capability, or financial capability
- Clean water project applicants must be publicly-owned jurisdictions including cities, towns, special districts, county improvement districts, sanitary districts or Indian tribes
- Drinking water project applicants must be publicly-held community drinking water systems including cities, towns, Tribes and districts. Additionally, privately owned systems, co-ops system, non-profits and other entities regulated by the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) are eligible
- Private companies are limited to technical assistance consultant contributions and loans
- Minimum local match of 25%, 50% or 75% of total project cost
- Be eligible under state and federal regulations

### The Evaluation

- Existing Conditions
- Project Benefits
- Local Fiscal Capacity

*For more details, refer to Arizona Administrative Code (A.A.C.) 18-5-506 and A.C.C. 18-15-510.*

### The Deadline

2009 TA grant applications will be due mid-April 2008.

### The Awards

The 2009 TA grant awards will be announced in June 2008.

### Tips

- Applicants may apply for assistance to form a political subdivision or to conform to Arizona Corporation Commission requirements.
- TA Grant recipients may use a WIFA loan for the minimum local match requirement, which is awarded through a separate application process.
- Although grants are only offered once a year, pre-design and design loans are available throughout the year to all eligible systems.

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### The Application

2008 TA grants were awarded in June. The 2009 TA Grant application will be available in March of 2008 at:

[www.azwifa.gov](http://www.azwifa.gov)

For further questions, please call WIFA's Environmental Coordinator Laurie Tsosie at (602) 364-1321 or, toll free at (877) 298-0425.

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## Schedule - 2009 Funding Cycle

The 2009 Funding Cycle is underway.

## Tentative Schedule - 2009 Funding Cycle

<b>March 3, 2008</b>	Solicitation of 2008 TA PL Applications
<b>March 12, 2008</b>	TA workshop
<b>April 18, 2008</b>	2009 TA PL Applications Due
<b>April 21-25, 2008</b>	Scoring Committee produces Intended Use Plan, Priority List, and Fundable Range
<b>May 5, 2008</b>	Circulate Draft IUP / Public Comment Begins
<b>May 23, 2008</b>	Public Hearing / Public Comment Ends
<b>June 4, 2008</b>	Committee Meetings – review Draft IUP
<b>June 20, 2008</b>	Board Meeting – amend /adopt the IUP
<b>June 25, 2008</b>	Award letters, agreements, etc. are sent out
<b>June 30, 2008</b>	2008 TA Funding Cycle Ends
<b>July 1, 2008</b>	2009 TA Funding Cycle Begins
<b>July 9, 2008</b>	TA Kick-Off Seminar for communities receiving grant awards

